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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2008, in which pending claims 84-92 and 94-110 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. These claims were also provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for three-months extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.